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WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE.

Fair and cold.

THE METALS.
Silver, 45¢ per ounce.
Copper (cathodes), 14 1/2¢ per pound.
Lead, 4 1/2¢ per 100 pounds.

TIDE OF IMMIGRATION.

In the three years preceding 1908 there came to the shores of the United States over three million men, women and children, with Russia, Austria-Hungary and Italy the main source of the supply of foreigners who seek more hospitable climes than the land of their birth. High-water mark was reached in 1907, when 1,234,166 immigrants arrived. The panic caused a heavy falling off in December, or the total would doubtless have been much larger.

For this year the figures at hand indicate that the total will not be over 400,000, but the tide is again increasing and in the spring we shall doubtless be overrun with a vast horde of laborers from southern Europe. The prosperity cry raised immediately after election, news of which reached the remotest corners of the earth, is responsible for this latest rush to the United States. Of course, there are more than enough men already in the country to do all the work, and suffering is sure to result unless some means are found to check the immigration. The steamship companies are almost entirely to blame in the matter on account of the alluring advertisements they cause to be published in the foreign newspapers. Congress has always been afraid to pass an adequate immigration law, the members evidently fearing to anger the foreigners who have votes.

One thing is certain. The labor market is at present overstocked, and there is no room for these men who are leaving southern Europe for this country in such immense numbers. If they cannot be headed off, they will have to go hungry.

ANOTHER TARIFF REFORMER.

Van Cleave is another Saul among the prophets. The president of the National Association of Manufacturers is out in a statement advocating revising the tariff downward, and saying sarcastic things about Seneca Payne, the stand-pat chairman of the house ways and means committee. It was considerable of a shock when Andrew Carnegie threw his bomb into the protection camp, and the brethren have hardly had time to recover before Van Cleave appears as the champion of tariff reform.

It is beginning to become apparent that Cannon, Daltell and Payne are not going to have things all their own way during the extra session. President-elect Taft has been holding conferences on the tariff question at Hot Springs, and word has been sent forth that the new chief executive will insist upon knowing how far Mr. Cannon is willing to go in the matter of downward revision before the speakership contest is decided. Let the good work go on.

RECORD-BREAKING CROPS.

The value of the crops of the American farmers this year is placed by the secretary of agriculture at \$8,000,000,000, in round numbers. This is a record breaker. Last year the total value of the crops was under \$7,500,000,000. Prices are also higher this year than they were in 1907.

In the face of such enormous production it would seem almost impossible for a stock panic to prostrate the country for any considerable length of time. Eight billions of dollars! Enough money to run the government eight years under a Republican administration, and all produced in a single year by the farmers of the United States. Nothing like it has ever happened before in the history of the world, and in no other country can the figures be even approached.

In the forthcoming annual report of the secretary of agriculture the corn crop will head the list of farm products, the value of the crop being in the vicinity of a billion and a half. In the days before the civil war they used to say "cotton is king," but that was changed by J. Sterling Morton to read "corn is king and the hog is the heir apparent." Surely, if the farmers are not riding in autos it is because they prefer the carriage. If the "uplift" commission appointed by President Roosevelt can add anything to the

farmer's happiness, well and good, but from this distance it seems as though his cup was filled to overflowing. Eight billion dollars! Wow!

DOUBLING ON JOHNSON.

The Republican primary up in North Dakota doesn't seem to have settled the senatorial succession. There was a three-cornered fight between Senator Hansbrough, Congressman Thomas Marshall and Former Congressman M. N. Johnson. Marshall and Johnson ran about even and Hansbrough was distanced, but no candidate received a majority of the votes. At the recent election Marshall and Johnson were placed on the ballot for a decisive vote and Johnson won.

Hansbrough won't give up. He has carried the matter into the supreme court of the state and secured a decision that the portion of the primary law binding the legislature to elect the man receiving the highest number of votes at the polls is unconstitutional, and now he is urging the legislators to violate their pledges and elect him for another term. Marshall and Asle J. Gronna, the two congressmen from North Dakota, have joined forces with Hansbrough for the purpose of defeating Johnson, who is said to be progressive and a reformer of the Cummins and LaFollette kind.

Hansbrough being a stand-patter and reactionary of the rankest kind, has the "interests" behind him, and it is by no means certain he will not succeed in forcing himself on the people for another six years. Primaries are all right in principle, but the outcome depends entirely on the honesty of the men elected to carry out the will of their constituents. North Dakota will bear watching this winter.

"UPLIFT" OF THE FARMER.

The farmers of the United States are not enraptured with the idea that they need an "uplift," moral or otherwise. The commission appointed by the president to go out over the country and interview the granger on his native heath occasionally runs up against an individual who resents the imputation that the farmer is not as well housed, well fed and as intelligent as the denizens of the city. Here is the answer of one of the individuals aforesaid to the questions put by the commission:

"In my judgment country people are not beneficiaries of those living in town, neither are they wasters of the nation. They have not asked for and do not want a commission on country life, particularly a commission of gentlemen whose homes are not in the country. Being unable to approve and unwilling to condemn, many farmers will refrain from answering your questions. Your commission is a mistake, saved only by the high character of the president and the gentlemen of the commission from being held in impertinence. The best single thing you can do is to tell the president frankly that the conception is abortive, and ask to be excused from exploiting it."

As a matter of fact, the president is conscientious in his desire to do something for the farmer, but it is evident that his notions of country life have been drawn in part from the comic supplements. However, the commission will be with us in a few days, and if any citizen of Utah has an "uplift" idea let him speak or forever after hold his peace.

NO TRUST LEGISLATION.

The word has been quietly passed that President Roosevelt will make an effort to secure the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law during the coming session of congress, in order that the so-called "good" trusts and the farmers' and laborers' organizations may be exempted from the drastic provisions of the act. As the president has only four months of official life remaining, it is hardly probable that congress will pay much attention to his recommendations.

The majority in congress never has had any real sympathy with the president in his ambition to regulate the trusts, and if anything further is to be done in the matter it will be under the leadership and during the administration of Mr. Taft. Congress will pass the appropriation bills this winter and that's about all it will do.

PRIME FAVORITES.

They are complaining up in Montana because the administration plays favorites, no unusual thing for President Roosevelt. As an illustration, it is stated that two land officers were recently compelled to resign after having been nominated for positions in the service of the state. No effort was made to fill their places during the campaign. One was elected and the other got left, and the latter was reappointed to his old job.

Governor-elect Spry had the same kind of a mortgage on the United States marshalship in this state, and would undoubtedly have been reappointed had he not been defeated by Mr. Knight. There seems to be certain Republican cliques in these mountain states who have the first chance at all the offices, appointive and elective. The fellows who do the voting are allowed the privilege of shouting on election night.

Now the killed and injured list for the football season of 1908 can be made up. It's a great game since it has been debauched.

The steel crowd don't care who writes the songs of the country so long as they are allowed to write the tariff schedules.

The pewter-plated pastors prayed for protection in Missouri yesterday. Thank the Lord, salvation's on the free list, at least outside of the Joplin district.

The Italian walked away from John J. Hayes at Madison Square Garden. Great joy in London.

Former Senator Chandler of New Hampshire has turned his thoughts skyward, where the Boston & Maine rail-

road doesn't have the selection of senators. The old man has evidently given up the fight.

If congress is going to pass a river and harbor bill at the coming session, Utah's representatives should get busy and secure some of the pork. Yell for an appropriation for rip-rapping the Jordan, or for a lighthouse on Antelope island.

We're entitled to some of the money that's going to be wasted.

Dr. Clara Scott of Philadelphia says "nobody with brains will kiss in the years to come." It's useless to argue with a woman, but it is evident Clara doesn't know what she's talking about.

Lamphere was tried for murder and found guilty of arson. The jury reached a verdict on general principles, the defendant being a worthless cuss in every respect.

The Haytiens are fighting among themselves again. There probably wouldn't be any serious objection to Uncle Sam gobbling that island and policing it.

To all intents and purposes the three Tennessee negroes might as well have been hanged first and tried afterward.

With a couple of feet of snow for a starter, a green Christmas is not greatly to be feared.

Auto-suggestion is the latest fad in the east. You're cured while you wait.

One touch of winter makes the whole world shiver.

No squaw winter about this weather. It's the real thing.

Now it's Papke's turn to tell how it happened.

A SURFEIT OF SCHOOLMATES.

Arnold Daly, the actor, had just been "touched" for a "five." "Those emotional bluffs are useful," he said. "A conductor sent a new brakeman to put some tramps off the train; they were riding in a box car. The brakeman dropped into the car and said: 'There are you fellows going?'"

"To Atchison."

"Well, you can't go to Atchison on this train; so get off."

"You get," came the reply, and as the brakeman was looking into the business end of a gun, he took the advice given him and got."

"He went back to the caboose, and the conductor asked him if he had put the fellows off."

"No," he answered, "I did not have the heart to put them off. They want to go to Atchison, and besides, they are old schoolmates of mine."

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SOCIETY

A most elaborate and at the same time a most enjoyable event was the reception-dance given last evening by Colonel and Mrs. Edwin F. Holmes at the residence, when over 200 of their friends were entertained at the last affair of the season before the beautiful home is closed for the winter.

The place was a blaze of light from the early evening, and the entire house with its historic relics was thrown open for the guests. The art gallery with all its treasures was connected with the main house by enclosing the verandas leading to it with awnings, and warm rugs the full length made a beautiful promenade for the company.

Colonel and Mrs. Holmes, with Mayor and Mrs. John H. Bradford, received the guests in the drawing room, and assisting them were their house guests, Dr. Milford Bradford, Miss Bradford, Miss Shoop, and also Mrs. Joseph J. Campbell, Mrs. Leslie L. Savage, Miss Mary Moore and Miss Mildred McMillan. In this room tall vases of yellow chrysanthemums were used for decoration, while in the music room the adjoining pale lavender and the pompadour shades only were used. The dining room with its furnishings of red was made fragrant with dozens of American Beauty roses, which surrounded a low divan in a great vase that reached with its flowers nearly to the archway in the middle of the room. Here a supper was served in buffet style during the late hours, and in the library to the west, with its quantities of tall white chrysanthemums, punch was served.

In the gallery an orchestra behind a screen of palms and ferns played the small dais or stage at the west end, and here till early morning the dancers made merry. An unusual arrangement of the lights by means of which a soft light was shed over the dancers gave the effect of moonlight, the colored lights coming from two booths at opposite corners screened with smilax.

The gowns worn were among the most elaborate ever seen in the city, the hostess herself wearing an imported gown of all-over rose point lace with a necklace of diamonds and a diamond coronet. Miss Shoop wore a black sequin gown, and she also wore diamonds, while Miss Bradford's gown was of salmon-colored satin hand-embroidered with gold.

Mr. and Mrs. George Savage entertained last evening in a unique and delightful manner for Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Tuttle, who leave early in the month for a stay of several months abroad. The affair was a travel party, and the guests, numbering about a score, were seated at five tables, each one of which was used as a place of importance. Decorations suggestive of the trip were used all through the house, conspicuous being a miniature ship. Each of the guests wrote a brief note of good wishes, and these were enclosed in a veil case for Mrs. Tuttle to open with her steamer letters. The tallies in the games were baggage tags and tiny strips with tags of travel on them. The prize won by Mr. Tuttle was "My Trip Abroad," and Mrs. Tuttle received a miniature traveling case. The flags of the various countries through which they will pass were conspicuous in the decorations as well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Broadhurst entertained a few of their friends Thursday at a dinner at the home when the decorations were of yellow and white chrysanthemums, and candles shaded in the same tones were used to light the dinner table. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. McGregor of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Dallas, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Doolittle and Captain Dwight.

Miss Georgie Hartley entertained three tables of bridge yesterday afternoon for her cousin, Mrs. Clotfelter of Los Angeles. Mrs. Robert Harkness and Mrs. Richard Stinger won the prizes, and a number more came in to tie later.

Mrs. A. C. Smith entertained the members of the Plate club yesterday afternoon at her home, when Mrs. L. D. Peaslee and Mrs. Emmet Moore won the prizes. The next meeting will be on Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert H. Allen leaves next Wednesday for San Francisco, whence she sails on Saturday for Manila. Join Captain Allen. Mrs. Allen has been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McIntyre.

Mrs. P. J. Queally leaves today for her home in Kemmerer, after a stay of some weeks here. She will go to New York from here to spend a part of the winter with her son, who is in school there.

Miss Julie Hanchett, the daughter of James A. Hanchett, and a friend for years of Dr. and Mrs. John T. White, is at Whitehall with them for a visit at a few days before her engagement opens at the Orpheum.

Mrs. Lafayette Hanchett will entertain the members of the Bay View organization at the Maryland railroad will be announced within a few days. It will provide for an assessment against the stock, but the amount has not been decided. It is understood that George J. Gould and his associates, including John D. Rockefeller, will control the property under the reorganization as they did prior to the receivership.

The plan to extend the Western Maryland to a connection with the Wheeling & Lake Erie has not been abandoned, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.